

## **Communities of Opportunity Initiative**

Community Progress Report

January 1, 2010 – March 31, 2010

Due: Wednesday, March 31, 2010

**Name of Community:** Taliaferro  
**Date:** 3-31-10

**Local Champion:** Jackie Butts

<b>Co-Op Strategies</b>	<b>List Measures of Success, (Or Barriers If Applicable)</b>	<b>Action Items Completed for Each Strategy</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Provide a Brief Description of Issues and Action Items to be Addressed Next Quarter</b>
Establish Infrastructure Necessary to recruit industry	Funding (Barrier)	The Taliaferro County Development is continuing to work with state economic development advisors including Georgia Power, Georgia EMC, AGL, CSX Railroad and others to determine the best site location for industry in Taliaferro County	500,000/site cost	We will continue to work with state and regional partners on site location and funding possibilities.
Develop business and tourism opportunities in Taliaferro County	Person hired to construct websites relocated.	The Taliaferro Development Authority is working with the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government on websites for Taliaferro County, City of Crawfordville, Chamber of Commerce, and Development Authority	1,500/budgeted to begin	Continue to work on website development
Develop marketing plan	NA	Development authority members are meeting with economic development specialists in Atlanta to learn more about marketing.		Continue to make new contacts in order to market Taliaferro County in the best possible way.
Ensure that all Taliaferro County residents will be aware of the Co-Op plan.	NA	Information is placed in the local county organ.	NA	Continue to keep the community informed.

Develop the skills of the workforce.	Certification classes			
	Handy-Man Class	A grant has been written by Family Connection to get a certificate class in the local Taliaferro Learning Center	15,000	We will continue to look for programs to locate in the Taliaferro Learning Center to train and education our workforce.
	CDL Class	Family Connection is partnering with the local WIA office to recruit candidates for a truck-driving class funded by WIA. Recruitment has been held in Crawfordville		
	Construction Certification	Family Connection is partnering with the local WIA office to recruit Taliaferro residents for a construction class which will be offered in McDuffie county in conjunction with the Plant Vogtle construction project.	Unknown	Encourage interested citizens to take advantage of these types of classes when they are available.
	Work readiness program	A grant has been written to continue to work with students at the Taliaferro County School to focus on work readiness skills.	35,000	Continue the program if funded.
	Afterschool program	<p>The afterschool program funded by Taliaferro Family Connection is on-going. The goal is this program is on time high school completion. A Too Good for Drugs Program and an Abstinence program is a part of the afterschool program.</p> <p>The Jobs for Georgia graduates program is ongoing as an elective class at the Taliaferro County School. It is funded by the Georgia Department of Labor. The</p>	<p>\$68,714</p> <p>\$50,000</p>	<p>This program will run through the end of the grant period 9/3/0/10. We will apply for refunding.</p> <p>Support the continuation of the program. Work with the facilitator to provide funding and services for gaps in the</p>

	Broadband	<p>job placement specialist works with middle and high school students to build skills necessary for high school success and beyond. It is an invaluable resource for our community.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Taliaferro Development Authority is a member of the SCRA Unified Development Authority who partnered to submit a middle mile grant for a 12-county broadband loop. This will imperative for the economic development of our community.</p> <p>Coordinated community support letters for library systems broadband grant</p> <p>Coordinated community support letters for Wilkes Telephone &amp; Electric Co.'s broadband grant for door-to-door fiber for our county.</p>		<p>programming.</p> <p>Awaiting funders decision</p> <p>Awaiting funders decision</p> <p>Awaiting funders decision</p>
Certified Work Ready	<p>No barriers.</p> <p>Work Ready Region</p>	<p>Continuing to recruit and provide the Georgia Work Ready test at the Taliaferro Learning Center. We are providing information concerning the GAP training to those who need it.</p> <p>Taliaferro County has become a member of a five county work ready region. The focus of the region is energy.</p>	<p>35,000/18 month grant</p> <p>400,000/18 months for five counties</p>	<p>We will be working with local businesses to increase their knowledge of the Work Ready initiative.</p> <p>We will use the extra resources to ensure high school graduation success, secondary education enrollment, and work readiness skills.</p>